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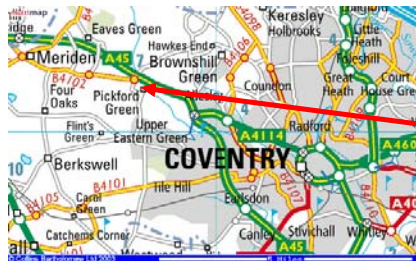
Tour News

The tour organisation is now progressing reasonably smoothly. So far we have 115 players & parents confirmed. However, there's always room for a few more ... especially in the U8s & U11s and there is still just time to join. If you have yet to make up your mind then speak to your team managers and get your names on the list and £20 deposits paid as soon as possible.

By getting the deposit to the tour company early we have managed to reserve the best coaches and accommodation so thank you to all the team managers for their efforts.

The £85 balance will be required just after Christmas – not the best timing I'm afraid but we will need to get it in as soon as possible.

Directions to Barkers Butts RFC



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From Lutterworth the easiest way is to get onto the M6 northbound and exit at J2 onto the A46 Coventry ring road. At the airport island follow the A45 round towards Birmingham for quite some distance. Take the slip road which is signposted to Meriden then, after just 200 yards turn left. Barkers Butts ground is 300 yards up this road on the right.

Team Photographs ... again!!

Owing to the weather conditions on Sunday it was impossible to do the photos – even inside. So it has been rearranged for the next training day which is **Sunday 20th November**. Once again, can you ensure the players turn up in clean **Lutterworth** kit not just training tops, or tracksuits.

If the weather is still grotty then they will have to be done in January as we have no more training days available.

Fund Raising

We need to look at ways of raising extra funds for the Minis Section & the tour. Early next year there will be a Quiz Night, a Jazz concert and a Race Evening and some of the older kids will pack bags at Morrisons – but there is always scope for more. If you have any ideas then please speak to Steve Leah or your team manager

Lutterworth –v- Melton Sunday 6th November

There was an unscheduled **U9s** fixture against Melton which saw Lutterworth on the defence from the beginning with Melton running in a quick, easy first try. Melton went on the attack scoring another quick try in the first half. After the half-time break, Lutterworth got their act together and some great tackling from Lutterworth, particularly Nicolas David and Alasdair Lord thwarted all Melton's attempts to score again. A great run by James Agar brought us close to scoring but Melton's defence was too strong for us. More great tackles from Sam Blockley and Harry Wright ensured that the score was left at 10-0 to Melton at the final whistle.

The second match looked like it was going to be a replay of the first with Melton running in two tries quickly and easily but Lutterworth fought back with more good tackles from James Agar, Sam Blockley and Aaron Wright. A good drive from Lutterworth, led by Wyndham Hogg brought us close to scoring again but yet another quick try from Melton took us out of the match. Lutterworth kept their heads up for the second half and again some good running by James Agar and Sam Blockley almost resulted in a more even score-line but the Melton tackling was too strong, leaving the final score another win to Melton.

Debbie Vaughan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SAMUEL WEBB is 11 ON NOV 9

JAMES ELLIOTT 9 ON NOV 12

SAMUEL HARRIS WILL BE 12 ON NOV 15

KIERAN KAVANAGH 11 ON NOV 16

JAMES HEWITT is 11 ON NOV 16

& RORY HOOSEMAN is 10 ON NOV 17

Match Reports – Sunday 30th October 2005

Hinckley & Paviors

Another clean sweep for **the U7s** with victories over Hinckley and Paviors at a wet Hinckley ground. Things didn't look too promising to start with the pitch marker cones almost lost in the long grass in a far flung corner of the Hinckley playing fields and the rain making conditions difficult for the first time this season. They had an excellent turn out with two seven-a-side teams each taking on Hinckley and Paviors. Despite the slippery ball the lads showed growing confidence with some good handling and clever lines of running particularly against Paviors who also found Lutterworth's defence hard to breach with relentless tagging. Sam Read and Joe Stacey lead the try tally with James Morris Josh Mycock Ted Kenton George Willmott and Charlie Jones adding tries to record 7-2 and 3-1 victories over Hinckley and 7-2 and 4-3 victories over Paviors

Nick Willmott

Mud, sweat and more mud was the order of the day as **the U8s** battled against the elements to overcome Hinckley and Paviors. Lutterworth were able to field two sides as all the squad turned out despite the weather. The first encounter with Hinckley was a close affair ending in a one all draw. Our usual free flowing game was hampered by a small pitch and a referee who was on his first outing with his new whistle! Billy Walkinshaw scored our only try which was made by a great run and pass from 'the flying' Harvey Lewis. An important tag by Joe Ford prevented Hinckley from scoring late in the game. At the same time, our other side pulled off a 10 to 8 victory over Paviors with tries from Yaree Fantini, Ben Wakeford and Michael Ball. As the rain poured the teams swapped over and this time

Hinckley were well beaten 7 to 3. Paviors however dug deep and pulled off a surprise victory in the worsening conditions in the last match of the day. The U8s again showed promising signs of improvement and commitment in the face of tough opposition and conditions. Well done lads!

David Randall

The morning started fairly promisingly with **the U9s** putting up a good defence against an attacking Paviors side. Then the rain set in and the fixture ended in a disappointing 15-0 defeat. Conditions deteriorated in harmony with our spirits as the second fixture of the day saw Lutterworth losing dismally to a strong Hinckley side. The score is best left forgotten along with the morning's play which we will put down to experience but endeavour never to experience again!

Debbie Vaughan

The U10s had a mixed day. With no Paviors team present we played our development squad first. They held their own against a strong Hinckley side with Ross Tranter running in an early try with further scores from Ben Webb & Freddie Fergusson. After the break it all went pear-shaped and Hinckley managed to score four before John-Francis Goodacre went over for the try to secure a draw. In the second, scrappy match, which we won, James Head scored the only try. A final development game saw Hinckley surge ahead with four quick tries. A team change at half time stemmed the flow. With Sam Rayner & Henry Sawers adding their names to the score sheet but it was too little too late and Hinckley ended up 20 – 10 winners

Alan Fossey

The U11s played Hinckley first and held their own right up to half time with some good scrummaging and an excellent team try that went through 4 pairs of hands before Sam Webb scored. We were 1-1 all at half time. Lost our way and a bit of discipline in second half and went down 4-1 which was not a fair reflection but c'est la vie. Then played Paviors who had drawn 0-0 with Hinckley so we knew this would not be easy. Team pulled out all the stops. Went 1-0 down bye half time but equalized with a scintillating individual try from George Ball (I reckon he beat at least 5 players one on one). Sam Webb converted (which Paviors had failed to do). So we won Hurrah!

Mike Gledhill

For some reason, it's always a foul day when we play away at Hinckley, and this Sunday was no exception. We had decided to use the game as an opportunity to experiment with some players in new positions, but with a number of injuries, and the conditions playing into the hands of Hinckley's meaty forwards, Lutterworth struggled from the start, and were 7-0 down within the first minute. Despite some heroic defence throughout most of the game, including try-saving tackles from Josh Lemmon and Jack Leah, and committed play from all, Hinckley muscled their way to a 14-0 win. The next game against Paviors started equally badly, as Lutterworth again conceded a try almost directly from the kick-off. Some excellent kicking from Henry Short and strong defensive work by all kept Lutterworth in the game in the first half, and the addition of some extra beef in the forwards in the second half paid dividends, as Lutterworth starting winning most of the set piece ball and driving convincingly in the loose. With Harry Thacker calling the shots from fly-half, a powerful forward drive provided the space for David Grafton-Reed to dart in for the equalising try, which was converted by Henry Short. Further excellent rucking, particularly from Nathan Holmes, gave the backs more high quality ball, and Josh Lemmon glided in for a winning try in the last seconds, which he converted. The squad showed excellent spirit to fight back after such a difficult start to the day, and thanks to all of them for working so hard and for not complaining despite all the team changes and the constant rain. Thanks too to all the parents for their positive, if rather soggy, support.

Dave Fox

FIXTURES & DIARY DATES

November 13 th	Barkers Butts	Away
November 20 th	Training	● U9
	Team Photographs	
November 27 th	Rugby Lions & Paviors	● U10
December 4 th	Westleigh & Kibworth	● U11
December 11 th	Loughborough	Away
December 18 th	Christmas Party	● U12
December 25 th	Christmas Day – No training!	
January 1 st	Headache Day – No training!	
January 8 th	Training	● U7s